

Remarks/Arguments

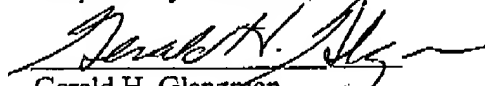
Claims 1-36 are on appeal in the present application. The Examiner has issued a Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief stating:

The "grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal" section (page 10 of the brief) and the related arguments (especially pages 11-13) are directed toward the rejection of independent claims (particularly claim 1) under 35 USC 103(a) over applicant's admission of prior art (APA) in view of U.S. Patent 5,822,692 (Krishnan) as applied in the Non-Final office action sent on 18 December 2003. However, the independent claims were rejected in the Final Office Action sent on 4 June 2004 under 35 USC 103(a) over APA, Krishnan and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,339,450 (Nagahara).

Attached hereto, and as required by the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, is a complete new Appeal Brief that corrects the defects noted in the Notification and that is believed to be in full compliance with 37 CFR 41.37.

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